

Executive Office,
Austin, Texas, April 20, 1933.

To the House of Representatives of
the Forty-third Legislature:

I herewith return you House Bill No. 376, same being "An Act to create the office of county purchasing agent in counties having a population of more than 160,000 and less than 230,000 inhabitants, at a salary not to exceed \$3,000 and not less than \$2,400 annually, to be fixed by the commissioners court, said appointments to be made by the district judges of said county."

This bill, while general in its terms, is sponsored mainly by Representatives from Tarrant County.

Since the passage of the bill, it has been brought to my attention that the judges of Tarrant County, who have had nothing to do with the creation of the law, do not want to assume the duty imposed by this bill, and because there is a difference of opinion now on the part of the Representatives from Tarrant County as to whether the bill should be approved, or as to whether the people of Tarrant County want the law approved. Therefore, in line with the general principles of economy and retrenchment, I am loath to approve the bill, and I have, therefore, decided to veto same.

Respectfully submitted,
MIRIAM A. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.